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CATAHULA PARISH HOG DOG

This story was photographed in Waterproof, Louisiana, on the farm of Mr. Miller. The story is both fascinating and true. From the photographs, one can glean the excitement that was emanated by the fast and moving action of the very famous Catahula Hog Dogs.

These dogs are a distinct breed and are all what we consider true Pedigrees. They are quite ferocious looking and can give a mean fight when they have to. They are of three distinct colors, Black, also called Jet. Brown, also called, Brindle, and Spotted, also called, Leopard.

These dogs are of a very mysterious background, for their breeding is unknown. There is no information as to their origination, but they have been distinct for the past 150 years.

They are bred by the farmer to lead the swine through the swamps. Their method is quite unique, for the only way to lead swine is to find the leader and continually antagonize him to the extent of severe irritation. Then the swine leader will do just what the dog makes him do.

This is quite a thrilling site to witness, and there will be many times that the hog will refuse to listen to the hog dog, and then the dog will continually needle him into submission.

Captions: ::::

1. A battle between the hog dog of D. Brown of Tensas River, La., and one of his dogs. The Tensas River is in the background of the picture. The job of the dog is to badger the hog and enrage him into submission.
2. An action shot of the dog baying the hogs and irritating them into the palmetto thickets and through the clearings along the Tensas River.
3. This is a close up photograph of the famous Catahula Hog Dogs. The speckled type is called a Leopard, the Black type is called a Jet, and the Brown type is called a Brindle.
4. This hog became so badgered and furious that he dragged the dog into the water, but the dog hung on until he was out of the danger of drowning.
5. The technique of these dogs is to torment the hogs enough to get them into a killing fury. Only in that mood can they be handled, oddly enough. You cannot drive hogs through swamps, because they scatter. But when you irritate them and cause them to attack, while you retreat slowly they can be handled. The hog dog in this photo gives us a wonderful example of his bothersome ways.
6. A Jet and a hog in an action shot of a quarrel. In the background is a pig-driver, on horseback.
7. Mr. Miller crossing the bayou with his two hog dogs in a typical Louisiana bateau.
8. An action shot of the hog and the dog in dramatic action.
9. A speckled Hog Dog going after the leader of the hog drove. He does not resist jumping over a fence or two.
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10. Its round up time, and the Hog Dogs and the Hog Driver make sure that there are no stray hogs.

11. "Get over there,". The Hog Dog has a very vicious manner about him, and it surely gets quick results.

12. The swine are corralled together and we can give all the credit to the Catahula Hog Dogs, though their manner be vicious it gets very strong results.